

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus device for communicating with other devices to allow them to access applications,~~ comprising:

at least a first application;

an authentication component configured to authenticate ~~means for authenticating~~ a communicating device;

an access control component ~~means~~ accessible by a communicating device requesting access to the first application without the communicating device having been authenticated by the authentication component ~~means~~, and arranged to arbitrate whether access of the communicating device to the first application is granted or refused wherein if the arbitration requires an authentication of the communicating device, the access control component ~~means~~ configured to instructs the authentication component ~~means~~ to authenticate the communicating device, wherein the access control component ~~means~~ is configured to receives indications originating from the communicating device identifying the communicating device and the application requested.

Claims 10-26 (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus device for communicating with other devices to allow them to access applications,~~ comprising:

at least first and second applications;

an authentication component configured to authenticate ~~means for authenticating~~ a communicating device;

a first access control component ~~means~~ accessible by a communicating device requesting access to the first application without the communicating device having been authenticated by the authentication component ~~means~~, and arranged to arbitrate whether access of the communicating device to the first application is granted or refused wherein if the arbitration requires an authentication of the communicating device, the access

control componentmeans configured to instructs the authentication componentmeans to authenticate the communicating device;

a second access control componentmeans accessible by a communicating device requesting access to the second application without the communicating device having been authenticated by the authentication componentmeans, and arranged to arbitrate whether access of the communicating device to the second application is granted or refused wherein if the arbitration requires an authentication of the communicating device, the second access control componentmeans configured to instructs the authentication componentmeans to authenticate the communicating device, wherein the first access control componentmeans is accessible by a communicating device requesting access to the second application without the communicating device having been authenticated by the authentication componentmeans, and is arranged to provide the access of the communicating device to the second access control componentmeans.

Claim 28 (Cancelled).

29. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of arbitrating the access of a requesting device to a service provided by a providing device~~ comprising:

sending a request to access ~~the~~ a service from ~~the~~ a requesting device to ~~the~~ a providing device;

receiving the request at the providing device and passing it, without authenticating the requesting device, to an arbitration componentmeans interfacing the service;

determining, in the arbitration componentmeans, whether to grant or refuse access to the first application by the requesting device, wherein if the determination requires an authentication of the requesting device, the authentication is performed during that determination and not previously, wherein the determination is made on the basis of the identity of service requested and/or the identity of the requesting device.

Claims 30-32 (Cancelled).

33. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~A device~~ as claimed in claim 9 wherein the access control componentmeans is arranged to store security indications in association with accessible applications, wherein the stored security indication associated with the first

application is indicative of whether authentication of the communicating device is or is not required during arbitration.

34. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~A device~~ as claimed in claim 33 wherein the stored security indication associated with the first application is indicative of whether authentication of the communicating device is or is not required during arbitration, in independence of the identity of the communicating device.

35. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~A device~~ as claimed in claim 9 further comprising a user interface ~~for~~ configured to authorize~~ing~~ access to an application during arbitration, the access control component~~means~~ being arranged to store security indications in association with accessible applications, wherein the stored security indication associated with the first application is indicative of whether user authorization of the communicating device is or is not required during arbitration.

36. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~A device~~ as claimed in claim 35 wherein the access control component~~means~~ is further arranged to store trust indications in association with devices, and wherein the stored security indication associated with the first application is indicative of whether user authorization of the communicating device is or is not required during arbitration in dependence upon any stored trust indication associated with the communicating device.

37. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~A device~~ as claimed in claim 9 wherein authentication comprises secret key exchange between the device and the communicating device.

38. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 29 comprising storing security indications in association with accessible applications, wherein the stored security indication associated with the first application is indicative of whether authentication of the requesting device is or is not required during arbitration.

39. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 38 wherein the stored security indication associated with the first application is indicative of whether authentication of the requesting device is or is not required during arbitration, in independence of the identity of the requesting device.

40. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 29 further comprising authorizing access to an application during arbitration via a user interface, and storing security indications in association with accessible applications, wherein the stored security indication associated with the first application is indicative of whether user authorization of the communicating device is or is not required during arbitration.

41. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 40 comprising storing trust indications in association with devices, and wherein the stored security indication associated with the first application is indicative of whether user authorization of the requesting device is or is not required during arbitration in dependence upon any stored trust indication associated with the requesting device.

42. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 29 wherein authentication comprises secret key exchange between the providing device and the requesting device.

43. (New) A method comprising:

receiving a request to access an application and passing it, without authenticating the requesting device, to an arbitration component interfacing the service; and

determining, in the arbitration component, whether to grant or refuse access to the application, wherein if the determination requires an authentication of the requesting device, the authentication is performed during that determination and not previously, wherein the determination is made on the basis of the identity of the application requested.

44. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein the determination is made on the basis of the identity of the requesting device.